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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1794

Application No.: 10/532,758

Examiner: G. BALDWIN

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Docket No.: 123672

For: HONEYCOMB STRUCTURAL BODY AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the April 28, 2009 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 19-26 are pending in this application. In view of at least the following, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

The Office Action rejects claims 19, 21-23, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Suwabe (Japanese Publication No. 2004-175654); claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Suwabe; and claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Suwabe in view of Rao (U.S. Patent No. 6,428,755). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Suwabe has a publication date of June 24, 2004, later than the September 12, 2003 priority date of the present application. An English translation of the priority document, JP 2003-321914 is submitted to perfect the claim for foreign priority to disqualify Suwabe as a prior art reference. The subject matter recited in the claims of the present application is

supported in the priority document (see Figs. 1-8 and corresponding disclosures of the present application and those of the priority document).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19, 21-23, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Suwabe, claims 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Suwabe, and claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Suwabe in view of Rao.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 19-26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Verified English Translation of the Priority Document JP 2003-321914
Verification of the English Translation

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